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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A), PFOR, PK, UR, IR

SUBJ: BHUTTO'S TEHRAN VISIT

REF: NEW DELHI 14505 (SECTO 188)

1. BHUTTO SPENT ONLY ONE DAY IN TEHRAN, ARRIVING OCT 26 AND LEAVING NEXT DAY. HAD PRIVATE MEETING WITH SHAH AND DINED WITH HIM EVENING 26TH. NO STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AT END OF THE VISIT AND PRESS REPORTS HAVE ONLY SAID THAT MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WERE DISCUSSED. EDITORIAL IN OCT 28 TEHRAN JOURNAL COMMENTED THAT BHUTTO'S TRIP TO MOSCOW WAS MADE TO "MEND ONE FENCE THAT HAS FALLEN DOWN OVER PAST FEW YEARS," BUT SAID OF TEHRAN STOP ONLY THAT IT WAS SIGN OF THE CLOSE TIES BINDING THE TWO COUNTRIES TOGETHER. FARSI ETTELA'AT OF SAME DAY SAID BHUTTO VISIT HAD "HELPED ELIMINATE CERTAIN GRIEVANCES AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS" WHICH HAD DEVELOPED IN MUTUAL RELATIONS. AS HE DEPARTED, BHUTTO SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH HIS MEETINGS WITH SHAH AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN COMMON MARKET PROPOSAL ENUNCIATED BY THE SHAH DURING HIS

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TRIP TO EAST ASIA.

2. HEDAYAT-VAZIRI, CHIEF OF MFA DIVISION HANDLING SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, SAID BHUTTO VISIT HAD BEEN PRIVATE AFFAIR SANDWITCHED INTO SHAH'S BUSY BIRTHDAY SCHEDULE AND MFA WAS NOT INFORMED OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED. HE VENTURED THE COMMENT THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE BHUTTO HAD INVITED SHAH TO VISIT PAKISTAN.

3. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT BHUTTO VISIT. SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID HE HAD HEARD NOTHING FROM MOSCOW ON BHUTTO'S STAY THERE. OTHER DIPLOMATS READ VISIT AS NORMAL CONSULTATION OF TWO LEADERS WHICH WAS ALL THE MORE ROUTINE FOR HAVING TAKEN PLACE ON BHUTTO'S ROUTE FROM MOSCOW.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL LIKELY SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON VISIT SHORT OF SHAH WHO APPEARS TO BE ONLY ONE TO KNOW WHAT REALLY WENT ON. WE DO NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE DISCUSS VISIT WITH HIM BEFORE SECRETARY'S DEADLINE OF COB OCTOBER 30. IN ABSENCE OF MORE SOLID INFORMATION, WE HAVE FOLLOWING GENERAL COMMENTS ON VISIT. AS IRAN IMPROVES ITS RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW NEGATIVE SIDE EFFECTS ON TIES WITH PAKISTAN. BHUTTO MAY SEE IRAN AS LESS WILLING TO HELP PAKISTAN MILITARILY AGAINST EXTERNAL THREATS, DESPITE THE SHAH'S STATEMENT THAT IRAN WOULD SUPPORT PAKISTAN'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. GOI HAS COMMITTED MONEY TO PAKISTAN FOR DEVELOPMENT, BUT BHUTTO MAY FEEL IRAN COULD HAVE DONE MORE FOR ITS MOSLEM BROTHER. FOR HIS PART, THE SHAH PROBABLY FEELS THAT PAKISTAN'S LONG-TERM ROLE IN SOUTH ASIA HAS BEEN DIMINISHED, AND PAK CONCERNS DO NOT WEIGHT HEAVILY IN HIS COLCULATION OF BENEFITS OF IMPROVING TIES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN REGION. BHUTTO'S DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH BALUCHISTAN INSURGENCY ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO SHAH, WHO IS ALWAYS ALERT TO DANGER IT WILL SPILL OVER INTO IRANIAN BALUCHISTAN.

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